

**Question for written answer E-009084/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Question No 1 on call for proposals VP/2015/008

Article 19(c) of Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 ('EaSI') states that a minimum of 18% of EURES resources is to be allocated to 'cross-border partnerships'.

On 23 April 2015, the Commission published call for proposals VP/2015/008 for EaSI. The first strand of the call covers financial support for cross-border partnerships set up to achieve EURES objectives and provide EURES services. In order to be considered a EURES cross-border partnership, a partnership must involve at least the employment services and representatives of the two sides of the industry from each partner country. The partnership may also involve other stakeholders. Unlike the previous call for proposals, VP/2015/008 makes no mention of the fact that a cross-border partnership must involve at least representatives of the two sides of the industry from each partner country.

1. How does the Commission ensure that only proposals concerning partnerships which involve representatives of the two sides of the industry from each partner country receive funding?
2. Why does this year's call for proposals not include the same minimum requirement - namely the involvement of representatives of the two sides of the industry - as last year's, and how does the Commission ensure that activities organised by European representatives of the two sides of the industry receive funding when call for proposals VP/2015/008 does not include a strand for them?
3. Does the Commission define cooperation between two neighbouring employment services as a cross-border partnership, contrary to the EaSI Regulation?